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not to be outshone by his confrères in Lis.

bon. It is quite unnecessary for us to say

that there have been no conflicts between the

Chinese and the Portugue e at Macao, and

no crisis has been reached, or is likely to be

reached, we think, over the delimitation of

that it has been declared in Lisbon that

there are no differences between China

and Portugal in the negotiations for the

delimitation of the waters of Macao which

are proceeding normally. It can hardly be

said that no "differences" exist between

China and Portugal. If no differences

existed there would be no need for negoti-

stion. What we understand by the dementi

is that the negotiations for this delimitation

by the Chinese that Portugal has made

considerable encroachments. Historians, we

the Governor his life in the following year,

reignity of Portugal over the peniusula was

formally recognised by China ia a Treaty.

In the Protocol China confirmed the "per-

petual occupation and Government of

Mucao and its dependencies by Portugal,

as any other Portuguese possession." In

the Treaty as ratified at Peking in 1888,

China confirms in its entirety the second

article of the protocol of Lisbon, relating to the

perpetual occupation and government of Macao

It is stipulated that Commissioners appointed

by both Governments shall proceed to the de-

limitation of the boundaries, which shall be

determined by a special convention; but so long

as the delimitation of the boundaries is not con-

cluded, everything in respect to them shall

continue as at present, without addition, diminu-

dependencies" which are used in the

title to certain islands as forming part of

the Col my of Macao, and the boundaries of

for a settlement of this question, and had

matter we would probably never have heard

developments. Article IV of that Treaty

Such steps as are necessary for the repression

of smuggling in the territory and waters of

Macao shall be taken by the local Portuguese

Government in concert with the Commissioner

steps in the Chinese territory and waters near

Customs in concert with the Portuguese

Government of Macao. This co-operation is

points in respect of which co-operation is

needed, and to avoid at the same time any injury

Contracting Parties. Special delegates from

the local Government of Macac and the Imperial

practical means for the repression of smuggling

have now been appointed, and it may be

hoped that they will soon come to an ami-

cable and final settlement of the question.

Court at Manila has tendered his resignation.

after a month's absence in the North.

hands on a number of candidates.

Mr. Justice J. F. Tracey of the Supreme

Mr. Lau Chu Pak has returned to the colony

His Lordship Bishop Lander held a confirma-

Mr. C. Paul Chater, nephew of Sir Paul

Chater, was married at St. Mary Abbot's

Church, Kensington, last month, to Miss Aileen

A Hankow contemporary states that the

financial condition in the native city is improve

peaceful settlement at Chinese New Year

ing by leaps and bounds, and that already a

A marriage has been arranged, and will take

A. M. Townsend, manager of the Hongkong

and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

tion service at the Cathedral yesterday, and laid

After a delay of four years these delegates

It is noteworthy that the words "and

tion, or alteration by either of the parties.

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Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23ED, 1908.

of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and similar Some sensational information seems to have been circulating in Portugal for the Macao shall be taken by the Imperial Maritime past month or so concerning the relations intended to render such steps effective on all of that country with China in regard to the delimitation of the Portuguese territory of Macao. In a London paper to hand by the to the sovereign rights of either of the High latest mail we observe a Lisbon telegram in the following terms:-"It is learned that a Maritime Customs shall proceed to fix the respective zones of operations and shall devise serious dispute has occurred between the Chinese and Portuguese Governments owing to the fact that the former has claimed the Portuguese territory of Macao. The affair, it appears, is a sequel to the seizure of the Tatsu Maru by Japan. The ve-sel, it will be recalled, was captured near Mucao, and the Chinese (Japanese?) authorities thereupon protested that she was at the time in Portugueso waters appealing to Portugal for support in this contention. Portugal, however, declined to have anything to do with the matter saying that the Tateu Maru had been seized in Chinese waters. China is now taking Portugal at her word, and according to advices received here, the Chinese troops are inciting the natives to open revolt against the Portuguese authorities." The telegram further stated that at a meeting of the Cabinet, hastily summoned, it was decided to dispatch the cruisers Adamastor and Dora and the gunboats Patria and Rio Lima to Macao immediately, as news was said to have reached the Government that onflicts had already taken place. Evidentthe New York journalist must look to his

e if in his genius for invention he is

Yesterday was a Chinese festival of Tung Chi-(winter solstice.)

The Mongol Princes have presented to the Emperor some specially selected yellow and white horses.

The Rev. Brother Christian, director of St. the boundaries of the colony. But some-Joseph's College, informs us that that College received the sum of \$75 from the trustees of the body seems to be still filling the public mind Belilios Scholarship Fund, not \$25 as appeared in Lisbon with apprehension, for a Reuter's in the school report through a clerical error. telegram we publish to-day announces

At a meeting of the Chinese Commercial Union held yesterday afternoon it was resolved to petition the Secretary of State for the Colonies against recent legislation making spit. cipated. ting on the footpaths and in public buildings a punishable offence.

Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday a native boatman was fined \$10 and a boatwoman 85 for failing to exhibit a masthead light between sunset and sunrise. Charges preferred against two fishermen, of depositing rubbish in the of the boundary are following normal harbour, were adjourned. course and there are no acute differences

His Excellency the Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James (London), and Madame E-LEGANT SOAPS, TOILET these negotiations. The boundaries of the Kato are travelling to London by the N. Y. K. WATERS, HAIR WASHES, from the oldest Colony in China have never apparent. steamer Hirano-Maru. Vice-Consul and Mrs. following Celebrated Houses:—Atkinson, ly been properly defined, and it is alleged Funatsu have arranged an "At Home" on the steamer on Tuesday afternoon next and invitaations have been issued to a number of residents to meet His Excellency and Madame Kato.

read, are divided in opinion as to whether The Directory of Protestant Missionaries in the possession of Macao by the Portuguese China, Japan and Corea for the year 1909 is was originally due to Imperial bounty or just published. Every year sees some increase in the volume and a rough calculation gives to right of conquest. The Portuguese first upwards of 6000 men and women in these took up their residence at Macao in 1557, mission fields. The little volume of nearly 120 and for many years prior to 1848 a rental pages is compiled at the Daily Press Office and of 500 taels a year was paid to the Chinese is obtainable from booksellers throughout the authorities. In 1848 Governor FEBERIEA East at the price of 60 cents.

Officers, the band of the 13th Raiputs under Bandmaster Cope will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, Chinese authority. This bold stroke cost during dinner, on Thursday the 24th December 1908. (weather permitting):and it was not until 1887 that the sove-

March..... The Soldiers Chorus Chorus Hallellujah (Mes iah) Selection ... Lilts and Dances of Bonnie Scotland Two-Step... Don't make dem Scandlus Ey s at me Valse Voices GOD SAVE THE KING

Besides Commodore Lyon another naval officer not unknown to Hongkong received appointment as a naval aide-de-camp to the King. This was David Beatty who was commander of the Barfleur on this station at the time of the Boxer troubles, and, while commanding 200 blue inckets ashere, was twice wounded in daring but fruitless attempts to silence two Chinese guns. Capt. Lyon stands 20th in the list of his rank. and Captain Beatty is 18th in the list and will shortly be due for promotion as the youngest rear-admiral the fleet has had during many years for he will not celebrate his 38th birthday until January 17th.

The Foreign Ministers at Peking are reported to have made a formal complaint to the We Wu Pu that it has become quite a practice among the Chinese Banks in the Treaty Ports the boundaries of the Colony since that to issue notes in excess of their capital reserve Treaty was negotiated, but the Chinese and when a "run" is made on the Banks they go bankrupt and the result is that their in-Government declined to recognise Portugal's debtedness is enormous. The Foreign Ministers ask the Board of Finance to issuenew regulations to prevent such occurrences. The Board has the Colony are still undelimitated. Further answered that proper regulations are already provision was made in the Treaty of 1904 laid down but the Grand Council has the matter under consideration and has sent despatches to the various Viceroys and Governors instructing there not been so much delay over the them to institute regulations which will more effectually control the Banks. of the Talsu Maru affair and its regrettable;

Ten men of the 18th Infantry at Camp Keithley, Mindanao, died last week "from the effects of drinking Columbian spirits." The Manila Cablenews says that by "Columbian spirits," the officer forwarding the telegram probably meant columbic acid, the deadly liquid form of the white pulverulent compound obtained by the decomposition of oxychloride or pen. tachloride, known generally among chemists as niobic acide. They drank this fatal camp cup believing most likely that it was nothing worse than bino. The affair is looked upon by army officers high and low as one more awful argument against the continued banishment of the canteen, and the fate of the ten duped soldiers and the impossible situation forced upon the army by the Anti-Canteen Law are deplored in the same breath.

of the details of the ceremony. A Japanesee contemporary, however, gives an account purporting to come from an eye-witness. ceremony took place within the precincts of the been the solemn placing of the late-Emperor's Succession Decree on a specially, prepared dias, statesmen and scholars in the capital. The little Emperor then entered the Hall, and after hearing the Rescript read, received an explanation of its contents from the attending pundits. chamber, and having donned the Imperial robes, bowed the knee three times before the Empress Downger, in token of flial piety and by way of receiving her Majesty's sanction Thereafter the child was led to the Throne Chamber and, having been solemnly placed on the Throne, he received the homege of the statesmen and courtiers, who, accordance with the prescribed customs, bent the knee three times and bowed the head nine The Emperor then affixed his seal to the Rescript of succession, and ordered it to be duly place early in January, between Mr. Newton J. promulgated. This ended the ceremony in the Stabb and Ethel Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Palace. It had been preceded of course at early dawn by supplications to the celestial and terrestial dieties at the Temple of Heaven.

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LONDON, December 20th. The Wright-Lemans aeropiane has covered 62 miles in 114 minutes.

THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE.

LONDON, December 20sh. Mr. Tuft has appointed conator Knox, Secretary of State.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, December 20th. The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned and a coalition ministry is in course of formation. THE DELIMITATION OF MACAO

WATERS.

LONDON, December 20th. It is declared in Lisbon that there are no differences between China and Portugal in form to vanquish Y.M.C.A. or R.G.A. They meet the negotiations for the delimitation of the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday (Boxing Day) at 3 p.m. By kind permission of Major Evans and waters of Macao which are proceeding normally.

> AMERICAN-BRITISH UNIVERSITY FOR CHINA.

LONDON, December 20th.

Lord Cecil, with Lady Cecil, will shortly leave for a two months visit to China, in connection with a joint American-British scheme to found a Chinese University on Christian lines.

THE FRANCO-GERMAN PRESS.

LONDON, December 20th. The Franco-German press has renewed its polemics anent the suggestion of the German papers that Germany should demand delimitation of the Algiero-Morocco frontier. The French press says that the matter solely concerns France and Moroclo.

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The season of this talented company is rapidly drawing to a close, and the production of "Jack Straw" last night leaves but two more numbers of a brilliant and extensive repertoire. The performance met with the same success which has invariably attended the other pieces, and although each night as the Season extends the strain on the artists becomes greater, yet their reputation has been well sustained.

"Jack Straw" is a play which calls for considerable shility on the part of the person taking the title rôle, and unless the character is carefully allotted the value and full force of the piece is lost. In Mr. Vane's capable hands the part was well depicted.

As the piece is new to Hongkong a few particulars of the plot will be of interest. "Jack Straw" at first appears as a waiter in a London Hotel where an old friend named Holland, who had been on the trail with him in made. America, recognizes him and seems surprised at their meeting. A plebian parvenu family next make their appearance with much pomp and display, and their insulting conduct to a lady is nearly the cause of their humiliation for Lady Wanley, a friend of Holland's. devises the scheme of passing off "Jack Straw" as a scion and heir of a noble foreign family. At first Straw is undecided, but after having been snubbed by "les nouveaux riches" he consents to impersonate the Archduke Sebastien of Pomerania; is finally introduced as such by Holland and is invited by the family to their No foreigners were present at the enthrone- country residence and entertained with much ment of the new Emperor in Peking on the 2nd ostentation. Lady Wanley and Holland inst. consequently the outside world knows little fearing that the deception has gone too far ask Straw to retire, but he refuses and they thereupon expose him to the family who are vastly shocked and wounded at the thought of pandering to a weiter. The Peking Palace. The first step is said to have hostess with enraged and humiliated feelings threatens to call in the police unless the pseudo-Duke departs, but Straw with the utmost sangbefore which were grouped the most eminent froid calmly reminds her that the exposure will also vitally affect him and so she is compelled to continue the farce at his pleasure. Amusing complications arise for Straw becomes enamoured of the daughter, the only refined member of the His Majesty then repaired to an adjoining family. A climax is reached when the Pomersnian Ambassaffor who is expected to denounce Strawshows that he is the genuine archduke and has been seeking adventures in disguise. Futhermore he brings the Royal assent to the union.

As Mrs. Parker Jennings, Miss Beaumont was, excellent and gained much applause. The natural charm of Miss Blanche Forsyth as the daughter was most acceptable.

Mr. Sydney in the character of the father was entertaining and amusing, and Mr. Vigors as Ambrose Holland, Lady Wanley's partner in the conspiracy, was also successful and the rest of the parts were most ably performed.

LOCAL SPORT. FOOTBALL.

Saturday's programme was not a very brilliant one, there being only one really interesting match down to be played, namely :- Buffs v. scored 20 goals against the losers one, R.A.M.C. being the only team to score.

matches between the four leading teams will be | run. looked forward to with great interest, as each team regards itself as value for a win.

Buffs won by the only goal of the match, but cricket, both teams being about equally strong a draw would have been a very fair indication If Peake and Shields come off with the ball it of the day's play. The Buffs eleven are the will probably be a win for the Telegraphs; if cynosure of all eyes at present. Great things | they have to resort to a charge, it is likely the are expected of them, and, if they continue to improve as they have done, there is no doubt they will head the League. Ruler and Bartlett are very sound backs and the halves are dashing and know what to do with the ball when at the foot. The forwards should get a bit more practice in shooting at goal. The R.G.A. Rajputs were "at home" to their friends on team is a good one, and a little more understand- | the polo ground, and a very successful gymkhana ing between the forwards should give better was held. There was a large attendance, and results. Broughton at back is a pillar of music was provided during the afternoon by the strength, but West is a little weak and Rajput Band. The various events resulted as does not support his partner. Hudson followsis very clever with both his head and his feet. The R.E. and R.A.M.C. match was a very poor display of football. R.E. were easily the best team in all lines and deserved Pig-an inflated mask trailed behind a pony: their victory. They have a good goal average Lieut. Potter. and have secured 5 out of 6 points, but it must be borne in mind that they have to play some hard games yet. They will need to be in tip-top on the Military ground, and a draw is likely to chasing country. Open to ladies and gentlemen. be the result. Y.M.C.A. are determined to keep their place at top of the League and I have heard it mentioned that Arthur Piercey will be seen in Y.M.C.A. half line Saturday. With Wharton, Piercey and Storrie, R.E.'s have to meet three dashing halves.

The Naval Yard team had a soft thing on Saturday and easily beat the Lusitano by 6-0. There was very little football played; the ground | which started with a letter, in order of the given and ball were greasy. However, over confident play on the part of Naval Yard nearly cost them a goal on Saturday. Pascoe proved, a useful half back and will be an improvement in the half line. Naval Yard should improve their position on Saturday when they meet R.A.M.C.

7-0. Wilson scored four goals, Clements two and Storie one. Y.M.C.A. were a man short sway, and raced to them. The lady, on receivall the game. Here again the exhibition of football was at zero. The B.O.C. are improving and will give a good account of themselves yet. Chunyut and Goldenberg are very hard workers. The backs are a little nervous

Next Saturday the Buffs and R.G.A. are totake a rest and neither will be seen during the holidays. The league committee have decided to give the public a good game watch on Boxing Day. R.E. and the Y.M.C.A. meet at 3 p.m. on the Military ground; both teams are keen. The other matches will be Naval Yard v. R.A.M.C. on the Naval ground, and B.O.C. v. Lusitano at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m. REFEREE.

CRICKET

Last Saturday turned out a drizzling rainy sort of day, just the kind of day to put umpires in a bad humour because of the wet overhead and the damp underneath, to make bowlers say masty things because of the uncertain foothold and the greasy ball, to make fieldsmen grumble at having to stand about for quite a while shivering and then when a ball is skired to find it too slippery to hold, and to make batsmen feel in all kinds of humour according to the number of runs they

The most important League match was between Hongkong "A" team and the Civil Service both teams being nearly up to full strength; the only absentee of any note being Witchell of the Civil Service. Makin won the toss from Hutchison and elected to field. Raven and Phelips who opened for the Civil Service made over 50 before the former was sent to the Pavilion after putting up a useful 21. Reid filled the vacancy, but retired without scoring. Hutchison joined Phelips who soon after was caught after making anice 44. Sutherland joined his Captain and they retired unbesten after a total of 149 was reached. Hutchison gave as fine an exhibition of faultless free hitting as has been seen on the Club ground for some time. His score of 73 included three snipers and only two singles. The "A" team went in, having only three-quarters of an hour to make the necessary runs. Dashwood and Haughton fell victims to Bird's deliveries, Fowler who was in splendid form and Makin playing out time, the score at the finish being 92 for two wickets. This drawn game leaves the teams in the leading positions unchanged. "B" team is on top with an unbesten record with Civil Service and the "A" team second with one match down ch.

"B" team had it all their own way against the Engineers, getting them out for 68 and scoring the requisite number with the loss of four wickets without making use of their crack

Telegraphs inflicted a crushing defeat on Kowloon on the Naval ground, Peak. "speed merchant" and Shields with his curly deliveries being responsible for the damage. Kowloon were not in full strength but they should have made a better stand; 35 being s very poor showing against the Telegraphs' total of 115 for five wickets.

The All-American Baseball team and s Hongkong Club team played on Monday Of course, the Club had it all their own way, but some of our cricketers might take a lesson from the visitors as regards fielding a ball, the wicket-keeper being particularly R.G.A. The other matches were walkovers for mart. As an instance of the confidence these Y.M.C.A., R.E., and Naval Yard. The winners | players place in the fieldsman, one of the batemen skied a ball and immediately walked away from his crease not dreaming of the catch being missed, and was astounded when told to go back The league table was unaltered from the week as it had been mulled. An amusing feature was before as the three leading teams won their the habit the batamen had of threwing down goal average and are now going strong. The the willow after hitting a ball and essaying a

There are no League matches on the tapis for Saturday, but on Tuesday the Telegraphs play Turning to the Buffs v. R.G.A. game. The R.G.A. This should provide some good B.G.A. will win.

UMPIRE.

GYMKHANA AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

Yesterday afternoon the officers of the 13th

Tent Pegging with Swords (Individual.)-Lieut. Potter.

Pig Sticking.—Spear—chalked billiard cue.

Tilting at the ring from rickshas, for ladic: only.—Hanging rings were placed in a line. Ladies rode down the line and tilted from ricahas. Mrs. Wait.

Happy Vale Hunt Cup.-Over fair paper--Miss Lyon.

Telegram Race.—Gentlemen carrying a telegraph form and pencil, rode to their partners, who were lined up on a spot 200 yards from the start, halted, dismounted, and handed form and pencil to partner. Just before the start ladies were given a word. On receiving the form, the lady had to write out a telegram, each word of word, including address and sender, sign her name at the bottom of the form and returned it to her partner, who raced back to starting point with it .-- Mr. Worthington and Mr. Davidson, 1.

Menagerie Race.-Ladies took up their position, chalk in hand, at a black board. Their partners, carrying a pencil and a piece of Y.M.C.A. also had a day out and won easily, paper, also an envelope with name of an animal enclosed, started from a spot 200 yards ing the envelope enclosing name of animal from her partner, drew the animal on the black board. Directly the gentleman recegnised the species, he wrote it on his paper, mounted, galloped round a distant spot, and home. The first past the post with correct solution won.-Mr. Potter and Mrs. Bayard.

> The Florence Nightingale Race.—Lady started with lint and bandages from a spot 200 yards from her partner, who was one of a line of prostrate wounded heroes, rode to him, tethered her pony, bound up wounds properly, assisted him to mount her pony and, leading pony, conducted him to a place of safety previously marked. Points were given for correct bandag. ing, as well as pace.--Mr. and Mrs. Gresson. -Mrs. Watling presented the prizes at the conclusion of the gymkhana.

> > GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

There was an official dinner at Government House last night to which the following guests were invited:-

Korvettenkapitan Ackermann, Captain Baird D.S.O., Mrs. Baird, Staff Surgeon and Mrs. Baiss, Colonel Bedford, C.M.G., P.M.O., Mrs. Bedford, Fregattenkapitan Bödicker, Mr. and Mrs. Boulton, Comdr. Buchanan, Capt. Briarley, D.S.O., R.A., Capt. Baron R. de Cervin, Mr. and Mrs. Montagu Ede, Dr. and Mrs. Evan-Jones, Capt. Findley, Rev. and Mrs. France, Dr. and Mrs. Grone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hastings, Mr. King (Hongkong Police), Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Miss Mutter, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Capt. and Mrs. Worthington, Captain Wurmbach.

The following received invitations, but were unavoidably prevented from coming :-

Mr. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Crofton, Flest Surgeon and Mrs. Beadwell, Capt. Cline, R.A., Brother Christian, Commander D'Estienne Mr. and Mrs. Belilios.

His Excellency yesterday morning received Captain Baron W. Hohenberg of the Austro-Hungarian erniser Leopard and Captain Marquis L. Cusani Visconti, of the Italian cruiser

To-day at 11 a.m., His Excelleday will receive Taotai Liang Lau haiu, the Chinese Consul General of Australia, and also Mr. Harris. Commissioner of I. M. Customs.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. Gooden which left here on the 16th inst. at noon has arrived at Singapore on the 20th instant at 1 p.m. The I.G.M. str. Derflinger which left here

on Friday the 18th inst. at 3 p.m., has arrived at Shanghai on the 21st inst. at 3 p.m. The Ben Line str. Benvorlich from Middlesbro' Antwerp and London left Singapore on

19th inst. for this port. The C.P.R. str. Empress of India strived Shanghai at 10.30 p.m. on Monday the 21st inst. and left again at 9.30 a.m. Tuesday for Nagamki where she is due to arrive at 4.30 p.m.

on Wednesday the 23rd inst. The C.P.R. str. Monteagle left Yokohama at 3 p.m. on Saturday the 19th inst. for Victoria and Vancouver.

SANITARY BOARD

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room, Mr. R. O., Hutcheson presided and there were present Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. Irving, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. Macfarlane (Assitant Medical) Officer of Health), and Mr. A. Gibson (Secretary).

THE MISSING SECRETARY. A letter was received from the Government relative to the appointment of Mr. Woodcock to act as Deputy Registrar and Accountant of the Supreme Court, and Mr. Gibson and Mr. Craig to continue to act as secretary of the Sanitary Board. The letter was as follows :-

Colonial Secretary's Office,

11th December. SIR,-I am lirected to state for the information of the Board that, owing to the exigencies of the public service, it has been necessary for His Excellency the Governor to appoint Mr. Woodcock to act as Deputy Registrar and Accountant of the Supreme Court during the absence on leave of Mr. Lee Jones, and that it. will be therefore necessary for the present to continue the existing arrangement under which the duties of secretary of the Sanitary Board are divided between Dr. Gibson and Mr. Craig. I regret that by an oversight this information was not conveyed to you prior to the last

meeting of the Board.-I am, etc.

Your obedient servant, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Mr. HOOPER-I am glad to get that information, Sir, but I fail to understand the last part of the letter in which the Colonial Secretary says that the duties of secretary are to be divided between Mr. Gibson and Mr. Craig. The Ordinance only empowers the Governor to appoint a secretary and an assistant secretary to the Board. This is something more than a technical objection, Sir, because I would refer to section 95 of the Ordinance which says that certificates and written permission of the Board may be given under the hand of the secretary. I would like to know who performs the statutory duties of this Board, and who would be amenable for any breach committed. The Government can only appoint one secretary, and I think it would be well to draw attention to that fact.

The PRESIDENT-The letter from the Colonial Secretary says that the existing arrangements shall continue, and if you refer to the detter which announced the present arrangement you will see that Mr. A. Gibson was appointed to act as secretary during the absence of Mr. Woodcock, and that Mr. Woodcock's half pay was to be divided between Mr. Gibson and Mr. Craig.

Mr. HOOPER-That is, as far as the pay concerned. I have no objection to that. The first letter does not cast any duties on Craig pertaining to the secretaryship, but the second letter indicates that it is to be a joint secretaryship. Of course, if you say that there

will be only one secretary, it is satisfactory. The PRESIDENT—The original letter appoints Dector Gibson as secretary to the Board, and the second letter says that the existing arrangements shall continue.

Mr. Hooper-Then it was unnecessary to allude to Mr. Craig? The PRESIDENT:-Yes.

. The paper was laid on the table.

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CONSERVANCY CONTRACTOR.

.Correspondence was submitted relative to a complaint made against the scavenging and

conservancy contractor at Kowloon. The PRESIDENT-With reference to this paper_I should like to say that there is some further correspondence which I think should be treated confidentially, and I propose that

strangers be requested to withdraw. ment you would get, I think, would be effective I am not alluding to anything else, but it strikes me that, if we published the admonition, we would perhaps find it more satisfactory, but that is a

matter for the Board entirely. The REGISTRAR-GENERAL-My recollection is that on the last occasion we considered such a matter confidentially.

Mr. Hoopeit-No. The PRESIDENT-Some officer points wil arise which I think should be treated con-

fidentially. The Press their retired.

MORT ALITY STATISTICS.

Based on a death rate per 1900 per sammen the mortality statistics of the whole Colony ffor the week ended 28th November was 216 and for the week ended 5th December 22.5 as against 21.5 for the corresponding week of last year.

-LIMEWASHING RETURN.

The limewashing returns for the month of December showed that 2040 houses have been limewashed in the Eastern and Central districts.

WEATHER REPORT.

- The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-On the 22nd at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has risen along the Yangtze, and fallen elsewhere particularly over the N.E. coast of China

and W. Japan. The depression has passed from the continent to the Yellow Sea, and the highest pressure is now shown over the Upper Yangtze. The moonsoon is expected to freshen in the Formesa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea during the next 24 hours. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:-Hongkong & Neighbourhood.(*)

Formosa Channel .

alderably: fair.

South coast of China between | Same as No. 1 Hongkong and Lamcoks. South coast of China between } Same as No. 1 Hongkong and Hainan ... (*) N. and N.E. winds, freshening con-

...... Same as No. 1.

A YAUMATI TRAGEDY.

On Monday morning the Yaumati police were informed that a man had been found under circumstances which pointed to murder. The victim, who had charge of a godown and collected various payments, was last seen alive on Sunday night and next morning when the house which he occupied was entered he was discovered lying on the floor face downwards with his hands tied behind him and a gag in his mouth. The body was still warm but when the police were called two or three hours later it was quite cold. Robbery is believed to be the motive for the crime.

A LONDON LIFT TRAGEDY.

A HONGKONG CHILD KILLED.

The deepest sympathy will be felt in the Colony with Dr. and Mrs. William Hunter who have lost their little son Willie, aged five, by a lift accident in a London Hotel. The Mail yesterday brought full particulars of the occurrence as it was related at the coroner's inquest. Dr. and Mrs. Hunter, their two children and an amah were staying at the Imperial Hotel in Russell Square. The children had been when Dr. Hunter returned to the hotel he was told that his little boy had fallen down the lift. The child died the following morning without being able to give any explanation of the occurrence. The amah stated that she was with the two children in the bedroom, and, while she was attending to the baby, Willie opend the door and ran out. When she went to look for him she learnt that he had fallen down the lift.

The lift attendant stated that he was in the lift on the ground floor when the electric bell rang. He went up to the first floor where the amah and the two children were standing in front of the door, the amah holding the children by their hands. The little boy was standing in front of the amah. Suddenly the lift shot up twelve feet without any action on his part, but at that moment he saw the child's hand on the rope, but the child was outside the lift. He stopped the lift but the child had disappeared and was afterwards found to have fallen into the well, a depth of 25 feet. He suggested that the sudden ascent of the lift was caused by the child touching the line.

The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," and made recommendations with the body is inert, and it is difficult for me to move object of preventing anyone but the lift or to turn round. attendant touching the rope

CARRIED OVER £5000 ABOUT WITH HER

The extraordinary manner in which large sums of money are carried about or hoarded by the French people is illustrated by the case of a woman at Clerment (Oise), of whose effects an inventory was taken on her removal to an asylum. In the pocket of her petticoat were found bank notes to the value of £4400 and a cheque on the Bank of France for £1080.

FUTURE OF DOVER.

The great naval harbour of Dover, which was begun so far back as 1898, is now nearing completion; and whatever experts may say as to its utility-for they are still arguing as to the effect of the tide as it sweeps through the neck of the Channel past the entrance—it certainly looks a fine base, and one capable of holding a whole fleet. The space of water enclosed is something like 700 acres, and this is now dotted over with buoys, so that it is possible that the New Year may see battleships moored there. The Southern Breakwater, which, naturally, was the last to be undertaken, is now cleared of everything save three lots of piles supporting some structures to be used in the erection of lighthouses. The light railway still joins this breakwater with the eastern arm of the harbour, and some time must naturally elapse before that entrance can be used. It is stated that five forts will be constructed at intervals Mr. HOOPER—But the public acknowledg- round the arms, and that these will be armed with three 3in. guns. A boom still remains to be built across the mouth of the harbour, and then the defences will be complete.

Much interest has been aroused by the statement that Dover, when a naval base, will have a port-admiral, and it appears that a berth is being prepared for the flagship alongside the Prince of Wales's Pier. It is not only from the naval point of view that Dover has been improved. The widening of the Admiralty Pier will facilities to the Channel passenger traffic, and it is hoped that work will be (begun shortly, so that employment may be given to the many men at present out of work. In connection with this and other improvements to the Admiralty Pier. it is suggested that Dover should now be made. so far as England is concerned, the "Clapham Junction" for Central Europe. At present Southampton and Cherbourg are the two ports at which the Hamburg-Amerika liners call, the former for the English, the latter for the Continental passengers. This naturally means that the vessels pay port does and pilotage dues at each place, and that time is lost in crossing from Southampton to Cherbourg. On the other hand, if the vessel simply called at Dover and took on board all passengers and mails, she could then steam direct down Channel. Taking the English side first the journey from London to Dover-occupies a little under two hours, and the passengers go direct to the ship. The journey from London to Southampton occupies a full two hours, and then there is another journey, varying from one to three hours, on the tender,

before the vessel is reached in the Lower Road. From Paris the train journey to Cherbourg occupies eight hours. while to Dover it is only five, including the changing from train to boat at Calais. One can get from Baussels to Dover in five hours, whereas, if a traveller intended to join the vessel at Cherbourg, he would travel to Paris first (five hours) and then to Cherbourg (eight hours), making a total of 13 hours, in addition to the annoyance of getting across Paris. Whether the suggestion which has been made will carried out, it is impossible to state; but e people of Dover are sanguine enough to hope that, when all the changes have been made in the various piers, the point will be brought forward.

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THE LATE OHINESE EMPEROR.

FRENCH DOCTOR'S STORY. An extraordinary document, surreptitiously handed to a French doctor by the late Emperor of China, has been published by the Matin which relates an extremely interesting story in conpection with this very weird confession. It is as our contemporary points out, perhaps the M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs was in the year 1898 representing his country at Peking, and moved by sinister reports of the state of the Emperor's health, he sought and obtained permission for the doctor of the Legation to see and examine him. The authorisation having been granted by the Downger Empress, Dr. Dethève went to the palace, in company with M. Vissière, who was to act as interpreter.

A FRAIL POTENTATE. Kwang-si, who was then 28 years of age, looked more like a lad of fourteen than a grownup man. Very frail and delicate, with dark eyes in his deadly pallid features, such expression as he had appeared sad and wild. Dr. Dethève, after the usual preliminaries, asked for and obtained the leave of the Dowager-Empress to sound Kwang-si. Through the intermediary of the interpreter various questions were put to the Imperial patient, and suddenly, as the two visitors happened to be standing between him and his aunt, he snatched a paper from his velvet boot and slipped it into Dr. Dethève's hand without being perceived by the Dowager-Empress. This document, as our contemporary says, is one left at the hotel in charge of the amah, and of the most minute descriptions of his own case even given by a neurasthenic sufferer. In it the Emperor explained that he was reduced to such a state of nervous prostration that he was seized with faintness whenever he heard the sound of a gong. At night, while he was dreaming, the same sound would haunt him, and then dreadful nightmares would follow, and in inspected, and price agreed upon, the broker the morning, when he awoke, he would be in a condition of total collapse. Our contemporary, indeed, gives an extract from this weird document which conveys a more precise idea of than any description could do. After having mentioned the symptoms related above, the unhappy Emperor went on to write:

Moreover, since the spring of this year, the fingers of my left and right hand have seemed to be swollen internally, and to be inert as wood. My loins and legs are painful, as they were empty. Whenever I speak, cough, or sneeze, the whole of my body seems to me to shrink: I breathe quickly, as if I was panting, and find relief in sighing. Besides this, cannot endure cold, or heat, or fatigue. If remain standing for any length of time my loins and legs grow even more painful, my chest is oppressed, my breathing more rapid, and I do feel as if I had any basis under my feet. If, or the other hand. I remain seated for a long time my eyes feel as if they were swelling, and my four limbs are painfully deadened, my chest is oppressed, and I can scarcely breathe. At night. while I am asleep, my legs and knees become old. When I have awakened, the whole of my

USELESS REMEDIES. But there is no remedy, the Emperor added: I am so run down that I cannot be restored to health. If I take medicine to warm me up, pimples come on my head and face. or little blisters form on my throat and gums, and I suffer from toothache. Although I est and drink a good deal during the day do not easily digest my food. On the other hand. I feel during the day too lazy to move and to do anything, and have a great longing to lie down, although when I remain for some time i that position my chest seems to swell, and to be weighted down with oppression. I am also ex tremely afraid of wind. If I have been caught a little by a fresh breeze I feel a pain above my right temple. Yet, in autumn and winter, when I am a little more clad, or at night, when I have rather thicker coverlets on me, pimples easily break out on my face, while small blisters appear on the threat and tongue. It is the same thin, if there are substances in my ordinary beverage which produce a sensation of heat.

The case was well-nigh desperate." "It is, truth." this distressing document concluded, "difficult to find any means of treating this malady, and of maintaining health."

A HUGE DOCK.

PROPOSAL TO ENCLOSE A THOUSAND ACRES OF WATER AT PLYMOUTH.

An announcement was made last month of new dock scheme for Plymouth. The promoters propose to seek power for

Bay near Plymonth. The scheme is cleverly conceived: it provides for the construction of a new harbour which, in character as fire goes off and must be watched really within the limits of the port of Plymouth, so as not to get burnt teas or teas underfired. may be said, too, to be outside, as vessels using The latter are the most dangerous, as they canit would at once find themselves in the open waters of the Channel without having to traverse the narrow and confined approaches to

Enclosed would be an area of over a thousand acres of water, making the greatest dock in the

United Kingdom. There would be miles of quay space with an adequate depth of water at all stages of the tide. while two large graving docks would afford accommodation for the largest liners affort.

Railway facilities are to be provided by the extension of the railway from Plymstock. the Great Western and South-Western systems being communicated with there.

GINSENG CULTIVATION.

There is very excellent ginger in various parts of India and Burms. In the Kamson, and Gharwal hill the root is indigenous, and the people do a considerable trade in it. Now the ginseng of Chinese fame is also ginger, though t is in truth very different from the ordinary ginger. The best ginseng comes from Manchurin, and sells for its weight in gold, whilst the second-class semi-wild variety grown in Corea can always be depended on to fetch its silver-weight on the Chinese market. The Celestials regard the root as of the greatest value as a medicine, so much so that it was at one time a States monopoly, and an article of presentation to recipients of the Imperial fat personally conduct the selling of teas printed your. There is ample evidence from approved western sources, one being Dr. Porter Smith. the other Mr. E. H. Parker, former Adviser on Chinese Affairs, that ginseng really is a tonic possessing very high restorative qualities, though it has to be used with caution for several reasons. Dr. Smith quotes cases when it seemed to him the use of ginseng certainly did prolong and save life, whilst Mr. Parker who used the drug for sciatica once in Corea says it made him feel hilarious and full of nervous force—though it did not oure his sciatica. An American consular officer told Mr. Parker that he had once used it but had got frightened off, as it "made him perspire blood." Now since ginger grows so well in India, and also since ginseng has been cultivated with great success and advantage ill San Francisco, and as its cultivation is attended with no very great difficulties, it ought to be possible to introduce the culture of ginseng intothis country. It would be a very useful " sideshow crop," even if it did not fetch its weight in gold.—Calcutta Englishman.

THE ART OF TEA-BUYING.

MODERN METHODS IN CHINA.

The grocery trade in Canada are instructed through the medium of the Canadian Grocer of goods with China has been due to causes October 16th, which, by the way, is a fine which are unfortunately beyond the reach of "coming of age" number, in the art of tea- any influence which can be exerted by the buying in lands of growth. Mr. J. M. Lobb, of Association. Happily, there are evidences of strangest document ever indicted by a sovereign. Toronto, writes an article describing modern growth in the general export trade with Chinamethods in China with a brief reference to which serve to offset the diminished demand for Ceylon and India. Referring to China tea, he cotton cloths. There are also some slight says: "A buyer in Hankow faithfully tasting evidences that the accumulated stocks of the musters (samples) as they come in finds American cotton piece goods have been pretty great interest in marking his selections for well absorbed, and that a return to normal conpurchase. A buyer who shirks the standing and ditions in the Chinese market is not far off. incessant tasting and trusts to luck can make There is at least some satisfaction in the reflechorrible mistakes. There is little to guide one. I tion that a restoration to normal dimensions of Lists of competitors' purchases of the previous | our hitherto chief article of export would bring day, more or less accurate, are 'found out' by | the annual total of our trade with China to an one's Chinese staff and are somewhat of a guide, amount hitherto unexampled. but were a charace to depend on these he would usually find that the best chops were bought the day before. Teas are put on the market in Hankow through Chinese merchants or firms who either buy outright from the farmers or sell for the latters account. Europeans receive small samples of all teas as

> CHINESE BROKERS representing the several hongs. The Chinese staff of a European teahong in China consists of the compradore, head of all the staff, and the one who takes charge of all the moneys, pays coolies, the expenses at the godown (warehouse) etc. It is through the compradore also that all teas are negotiated with brokers or the hongs they represent. The selections of samples as made are offered to the Chinese broker, who reports to his hong, and if the price is acceptable or approximate, a half-cliest of the tea is sent in. signing a contract in the buyers' book kept for the purpose and fixing the purchase with his hongs or by contract with the tea man for whom his principals are selling. It sometimes happens that in order to get the tea man to accept the

negotiate for purchase through

THE CHINESE HONG "SQUEEZE MAN" will resort to methods of persuasion, such as looking the unfortunate man in a room in this hong and arguing the situation. Occasionally one hears of such a stubborn subject that broken chairs and tables are reported, but never heads, and Chinese tables and chairs are flimsy articles

"Teas coming from the country up the river are called Hankow tess, and are, as a rule, 'hard cargo,' that is, actually on the spot before offered. Of these, several half-chests may be sent to different buyers for inspection, while negotiations for purchase are going on, and it is the first best offer that usually takes the tea. Kinkiang teas, which have to come up the river to Hankow, one or two are sent shead of the cargo, and, in purchasing, the price is usually fixed before the half-chest, called 'muster-chest is sent for inspection. There is never more than one muster chest of these teas available and a buyer having this in his possession is sure of getting the lot it represents at the price originally offered, or, if possible, a little under. Once this muster is opened the buyer is morally bound to complete the contract, unless some distinct difference is found between this and the original small sample.

"Each purchase as completed is entered in a contract book and not taken into the godown until convenient or wanted for shipment. When wanted, the teas are ordered to be sent in weighed gross (five half-chests of each), and tared (three of each), samples drawn from five half-chests are compared with the original mus ter chest, and if satisfactory paid for on average weight of those weighed and tared. The teas are ready packed, leaded, and papered, but are labelled, matted and rattaned in buyer's godowns. Should a difference be found in the samples drawn from the delivery and samples from the muster chest, the broker is called in, the difference brought to his notice as forcibly as possible that he may impress the tea man and secure the best cut (reduction) he can in original price.

A TRYING PART OF THE BUSINESS for, if one buys fine tea and the delivery does not come up to expectations, it is impossible to buy other lots, as the market is usually cleared quickly of choice chops. It is fortunate however, that, as a rule, the Chinaman is honest and seldom does a glaring difference in delivery and sample occur, rarely, if ever, in the 'crack (best known) chops. Inspection is thorough and careful, for cases have occurred proving the saying for ways that are dark and tricks that are deep, the heathen Chinee is peculiar. constructing large harbour works at Wembury Fortunately for the tea buyers, few of this class have entered into his sphere, however, In selecting, teas when first arrived fresh fired change not keep sweet for long. It is worthy of remark that in China lots of as many as thousand two hundred half-chests (chops), sold on one sample, will run evenly and up to 'muster.' All these teas are bulked by hand.

"The season in Hankow lasts from six weeks to three months, in which time buying is finished and most shipments completed and buyers betake themselves to other fields. Shanghai for green tea season or home for a wellearned rest. In former years six or seven British steamers went to Hankow, carrying full cargoes of black tea for London. With the growth of for a time, and later he got a job at 14s. a week the ten industry in Ceylon, export of China in a warehouse. On that wage he supported his blacks have fallen to such an extent that it would not be possible for even one ship to get full cargo for London, and the best customers | Then a friend started him in the tea trade of China are now Russians. Usually four steamers go to Hankow and load for Odessa." Referring to

TRA BUYING IN CEYLON Mr. Lobb says: "The tea tasters' office hours in Manchester, to which he afterwards added are not so strenuous as in China, but as tea many branch food-product businesses. never stops growing in Ceylon (the only country in the world producing tea all year round) the work never ceases, and when at Christmas and Easter one or two auctions are out out, the holiday only leads to an increase in the number of samples in the auction following. In Coylon and India purchases are made through English brokers, each firm of brokers having their own consignments from different estates. auction. Although the auctions are interesting to family, and that the mistress of Sart household a keen buyer, there is not the same opportunity died from cholers on the very day that her to beat the market as in China. One might visitor left. even buy on the information he gets from others' bids in the auction room, without tasting by these facts, and became convinced that the the teas at all. This would be possible in Ceylon or India, but is impracticable in the open markets of China. Covlon and Indian teas are delivered upon payment of cash on date of auction or not later than ten days. The chests and half-chests are ready for shipment, requiring only to be marked with steneil shipping marks, and extra hooped when intended for American shipment. In all the branches of this great industry of Ceylon the tea-tasters and brokers (a successful broker is necessarily conversant with the quality of his goods, hence a ten-taster also) do the work. The planters, who are for the most part a jolly lot of Britons, live in the beauty spots of this charming island, and although sometimes lonely and far from friends.

they can well enjoy life.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The Report of the American Asiatic Associa tion remarks that the long depression which has been felt in the trade in American cotton piece

Mr. Ashworth president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce made the following interesting observations:-

The financial outlook is reassuring, the effects

of the American panic of a year ago are passing away, money promises to be plentiful, and the they arrive at the different Chinese hongs and only adverse feature in this connection is the weakness of silver, which threatens to be a serious hindrance to the course of trade in the Far East. There are some persons who would maintain that there cannot be over-production while there are in the Far East alone at least 250,000,000 people who wear cotton clothing but never use any Lancashire made goods. As a theory that may seem plausible, but in practice, as you know, the rate of development of trade is governed by other considerations than the mere existence of potential consumers, by the extent to which inland markets are accessible and the material condition of the people, and by the capital available to take up and move the goods into consumption. China has supplied this year an example of the effects of trying to force trade unduly. In 30 years ending 1904 our exports of cotton piece goods to China expanded 25 per cent.—from 400 to 500 million yards annual average—less than 1 per cent. per annum. But the next three years, 1905-7, averaged 667 million yards per annum, a jump of 33 per cent. The markets broke down under the strain, the majority of native traders became insolvent, heavy losses were incurred, and the import trade is still seriously disorganised. 'Festina lente" is a safe metto to be guided by My own view is that an expansion of our aggregate exports of cotton piece goods at the rate of 21 per cent, per annum on the average is as much as we can expect under normal conditions of trading. The exports in the eight years 1897. 1904 worked out exactly to that scale. But in 1905 there was a sudden rise for 11 per cent and in the three years 1905-7 the theoretical 21 per cent., per annum was exceeded by 1.100 million yards—say, £13,000,000 in Allowing that 200 million yards were needed special extra supply in the Far East after the termination of the Russo-Japanese War, there remained an excess of 900 million yards in varions parts of the world which had to be worked off. I calculate that we shall have partially met this by lessening the normal exports of 1908 by 600 million yards, which should materially relieve the congestion, but 300 million yards excess will remain.

The report of the British and Chinese Corporation states that as the result of the negotiations for a loan for the construction of a railway from Shanghai to the cities of Hangchow and Ningpo, a final agreement was concluded with Chinese Government. Under the preliminary agreement for the loan the Corporation was entitled to participate in the profits of railway but in the final agreement the Corporation agreed to forest this participation in consideration of an immediate payment of £67.500. The Cancellation of the Nanpiac Coal Concession has been agreed upon subject the refund by the Northern Railways Administration of £14.500 on account of the Corporation's expenditure. The directors consider it desirable to take advantage of the past year's profits to materially strongthen the general reserve account. Including the balance brought forward from last year of £12.402, the amount to the credit of profit and loss in the accounts is £115,730, and having transferred £30,000 to the general reserve account, which, with this addition. amounts to £100.000. the directors recommend that a dividend of 15s. per share (which is at the rate of 15 per cent. on the amount paid up). together with a bonus of 5s. per share, be paid on November 28th free of income tax. thus absorbing £25.000, the balance of £10,730 to be carried forward.

SIR JAMES DUCKWORTH.

A ROMANTIC CARBER.

Mr. James Duckworth, who has just been made a knight, has had a very romantic career. He worked in a calico mill in Whitworth Valley, near Rochdale, when he was eleven years old. His working hours were from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock at night At the age of seventeen young Duckworth ran away from home and enlisted in the Roya Marines. He was bought out after six months and returned to Lancashire, but not cotton weaving. He sold second hand books in the market-places of South Lancashire towns wife and child and kept a home together. For a time he was town missionary at Heywood He was given a pound or tea made up in two-ounce packets, and these he hawked from door to door. Success came quickly. He ended by being a wholesale tea-dealer with a warehouse

BURYING A LADY ALIVE.

TO DRIVE AWAY CHOLERA.

A grim story of the cholera visition comes from the Central Asia city of Tashkend, where the disease made its appearance some three months ago. It appears that the first case was coincident with the arrival of a lady from European Russia, who was on a visit to a Sart

The Sart population were greatly impressed disease was perambulating the town in the shape of the Russian lady. Determined upon its extermination they waylaid the latter on the great square in the evening and hurried her away, after which they waited upon the town

"There is no danger of cholera now" they

"Why so?" they were asked. "Because we have buried the Russian lady." Hurried search was made for the unfortunate victim, but no traces of her could be found, though no room was left for doubt that the superstitious meb had buried her alive. It is a remarkable fact that no further cases of cholera occurred among the Sarts, the only cases reported in Tashkend being in the European quarter.

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A VISIT TO MR. EDISON.

NEW PROJECTS AND IDEAS.

The New York correspondent of the Times

One of my correspondents had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Edison last week at his laboratory at Orange. The great inventor had not entirelyrecovered from the illness caused by his X-ray experiments. He was in excellent spirits, and hopes eventually to throw of the ill-effects.

- Just now he is busy superintending a model of his new house for workmen, which can be constructed in three hours. He says that the cheapness with which these houses could be built would lead to the rise of new towns all over the United States. If this were done, he believed that poor people would desert the tenements in which they are crowded in the cities and would live in houses at a rental of 7s. 6d. a week-an unheard-of rent in this country. where the rent of one room would amount to that sum, especially in this city. The model house is practically constructed entirely by automatic machinery, and contains excellent living and bed rooms, bath, and sanitary arrangements. Mr. Edison is having 12 patterns of the house prepared, and the architecture will be superintended by Stanford White's firm of McKim, Mead, and White.

matograph films in colour, but has not yet been able to overcome the difficulty of photographing red, and it cannot be done instantaneously. He believes that the cinematograph as it will be developed will have a great educative effect. He is completing his simultaneous cinematograph and phonograph, and says that he finds no difficulty in making figures and voices actat the same moment. but there is difficulty in the perfection of the illusion. If the speaking apparatus is too close to the moving picture the effect of the voice is artificial. At present he is obliged to remove the photograph some 100ft, behind the cinematograph. The difficulty will be overcome, and Mr. Edison believes that in a few years every village in the world will be provided with its own cinematograph-phonograph theatre, and this will be one means by which. Mr. Edison says, in combination with cheap houses and cheap transport, in the study of which Mr. Edison is also engaged, the great towns will be broken up and the population scattered back to

Mr. Edison is also experimenting with cine-

ELECTRICITY AND TRANSPORT.

In cheap transport Mr. Edison has practically perfected his new storage battery, in the English rights-of which he tells my correspondent that Sir Ernest Cassel is concerned. Mr. Piercont Morgan, whose house was the first to be lit by electricity in 1878, is also interested in this remarkable invention, which is destined to affect the whole automobile industry. Mr. Edison's first electric lamp was shown at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876, and since then it has made millions sterling by its use, but in the gigantic profits Mr. Edison has not shared to any extent. He has not the commercial temperament and he informed my correspondent that he had no intention of embarking on any further commercial schemes. He was enthusiastic about the future wealth of Canada. He pointed out that Canadians have almost unlimited water power and that electricity manufactured by that means would be the power of the future. He considers that steam railway locomotives are practically doomed, and he reminded my correspondent that the power derived from Niagara Falls is now propelling tram cars and hotel lifts, and driving factory machinery in Syracuse, in New York State, 160 miles away. Since my correspondent last visited the Edison laboratory, it has grown to an enormous extent. As Mr. Edison hurried about from place to place, showing modestly and with boyish enthusiasm his various accomplished inventions and those in course of experiment, my correspondent marvelled at the activity of one no longer young and still far from recovered from a serious illness.

THE BRITISH WORKMAN. On the subject of the British working man.

more especially the unskilled. Mr. Edison was possimistic. The British mechanic, he said was. as good as any in the world. They came to him in numbers. At first they were inclined to be shy of working on Mondays, but when he had oured them of that they were equal to the best of his own men. "But your unskilled labour." he said, " is the worst I have handled. You have lost so many of your industries that you have apparently an army of people who either won't work or can't work. Placing the skilled American working many at 90 per cent., your unskilled labourers are not 30 per cent. in working value. They are not equal to the Greeks whom I employ or even to the South Italians. I ascribe the causes to too much free trade or too much alcohol." Mr. Edison, as shown, uses the Chinese method of computing a man's value in percentages. Lord Kelvin he termed a 100 per cent. man.

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A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1908. [1688]

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Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M. No claims will be recognized if not presented

within 14 days of the ship's arrival. McGREGOR BROS. & GOW Hongkong, 16th December, 1908.

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to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Dec., at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 23th Dec., or they will not be recognized.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer *

"SUNDA" FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

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> Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given the contrary within

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. in any case whatever.

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E. A. HEWETT. Superintendent Hongkong, 21st December, 1908.

"THE TABLOID TROUSSEAU."

BY LADY HELENA HOOD.

Wednesday.—At last I have patented my invention. It will undoubtedly bring me in millions, besides being the greatest benefit to the whole civilised world. After years of patient investigation, spent chiefly in my laboratory. I can now calmly rest in my arm-chair, conscious of the fact that I am the greatest benefactor of the human race, the inventor of Tabloid clothes.

My process can be applied to all wearing apparel; suits of clothes, pocket-handkerchiefs, fur-coats, boots, Paris hats, and dresses; yes, I will undertake, with a few grains of my "Clothes Compressor." and a little hot "Clothes Compressor," and a little hot water, to reduce the most exquisite and complicated Parisan "ereation" to the size of a tabloid. All that is necessary when you wish to restore it to its original size and freshness is to soak the tabloid in cold water,

pill (handkerchiefs, silk stockings, and such-like reduce to this) to that of a peppermint—I cannot at present reduce a fur-coat further. tipping of porters. And what a deliverance | charge for over-weight of luggage !" from all the worry, from all the little anxieties | -What a triumph! But, alas! it was more than temperament.

fellow-creatures, my eyes fill with tears, my own box went into your right-hand pocket,

surprise for Susie! She does not know about | you!" my invention. She only knows that I am deeply interested in chemistry, and that I have been to her mother. engaged during the last four years in perfecting In a short time my "Clothes Compressor" an invention, though what the invention is she brought me in a vast fortune. I don't think it has no idea. Still less does she conceive that the | was that which persuaded Susie to return to me. whole of her trousseau has been reduced by me I believe that she came to understand that it into tabloids. I managed this by bribing her was all a mistake, and that I would rather have maid. Louise, who, I must say, is a most mer- remained the impecunious Harold Anson, beloved cenary young woman. Would you believe it? by his Susie, than become the enormously I had to give her no less than £500 to ensure her | wealthy Mr. Anson, the inventor of the famous complicity and silence! She declared that her | Clothes Compressor," but despised by his adored mistress would never forgive her on finding out. Susie as mercenary money-grabber. the truth, so she must provide for her future.

will soon be making millions. glorious future that awaits me, or I shall be unable to control my excitement at the ceremony to-morrow,

Thursday.—We are staying at the Lord Warden for the night. My most sanguine expectations have been surpassed. Susie is simply enchanted with the Tabloid Trousseau!

I can remember nothing of the wedding. When the moment came for putting on the finger: but no one noticed this except Susie Susie and I came down here alone, as

had suggested that Louise should precede some empty boxes), so as to have everything prepared on our arrival. When Susie entered our rooms at the Lord Warden and found her maid, but no luggage-nothing but a bath of cold water—she looked as though she would give Louise notice then and there! But I said, "Now, darling, you promised me to wear your 'Rose du Barri' teagown to-night; we must get it ready." Out came the matchbox; from it I drew a tiny envelope marked "R. du B. teagown." I opened it over the bath, and the high priests of the art of terpsichore, half a dozen tabloids dropped into the water. I having arrived, Consignees, of Cargo are hereby stirred the water, and almost cried for joy as I follows. saw the tabloids groming into several white "Brothers and fellow master-professors, we and rose coloured garments. Louise picked have it on the authority of the ancient master, them out, hung them before the fire, and in Toinot Arbeau that the pavane was introduced in two minutes—two speechless minutes, during consequence of a prevailing fashion of wearing which Susie's face expressed the conviction wide mantles and ample, tuckered dress. Therethat we were both out of our minds—we were fore, according to the transitions of the art of Rose du Bari chiffon, so fresh that Susie de- be arranged to suit the fashion of the hour in clared it had the appearance of having never women's attire." been packed! Beside it lay a pair of rosecoloured stockings, two tiny rose coloured shoes | length on precedents, the dancing masters un-All broken chafed, and, damaged Goods are white undergarments which I need not and passed the following resolution:—" Whereas

invention, and showed her the match-box fashion in feminine attire: whereas it has recontaining her very generous trousseau, each cently and till now been the custom to dance costume with its belt, stockings, hat, &c., to with long, gliding steps, we, the assembled masmatch, enclosed in a tiny envelope marked ters of the art of dancing in Paris, hereby decree travelling dress, or "Brussels lace dinner fashion shall be executed with very short steps, dress," &c., she covered me with kisses, so as to suit the existing fashion of wearing declaring she could not be sufficiently proud of Directoire dresses." her Harold!

amused ourselves by developing her robe de nuit and my pyjamas in the finger-glasses. I am the happiest of men, and Susio declares she is the happiest of women. She calls me her " Magician.

Friday.—To-day has been a combination of success and disaster, of elation and dejection! I can scarcely trust myself to give an account of ANGLO-CHINESE CALENDAR Consignees of Cargo by the above-named it. We crossed from Dover by the one o'clock Steamers will be landed into HOLT'S and delivery can be obtained as soon as the which were placed in their proper envelopes, slipped into the match-boxes, and Susie and I walked on board the steamer with all our luggage in our pockets. Louise having nothing but our dressing cases and wraps to look after.

Susie and I walked up and down the deck, Far East: and as we put out of the harbour a sea struck No Fire Insurance will be effected by me the bow of the best, and the water dashed over us; but fortunately Susie was to leeward Damaged packages must be left in the Go- of me, and did not get more than a drop downs for examination by the Consignee's and or two, but my left side had a good drenchthe Company's representative at an appointed ing. Presently Susie remarked to me, "Why, hour. All claims must be presented within ten Harold, what have you got in your pocket?" days of the steamer's arrival here after which I suddenly found that my left pecket was date they cannot be recognised. No claims will full to bursting. What could it be? Then be admitted after the goods have left the the awful truth flashed upon me; the box containing Susie's tabloid trousseau was in that pocket. It must have got thoroughly wetted by the sea-water, and everything was DAILY PRESS" Office or from Booksellers developing! Almost before I had time to throughout the Far East.

realise this, the pocket burst, and out flowed an unceasing cataract of every kind of garment day dresses, evening dresses, shoes, boots, petticoats. If only it had stopped there but, alas! every article of Susie's trousseau poured from my pocket, and magnified to its full size almost as soon as it touched the deck. Imagine our feelings! There we were, surrounded by an astonished crowd of fellow-passengers, who were gazing at Susie's trousseau developing before their eyes! Some of the tabloids had dropped out as we were walking along the deck when the pocket burst, and poeple came up to us holding chemises, petticoats, &c. asking if they did not belong to Susie. I was filled with excultation. What a triumph for my "Clothes Compressor"! What an advertisement! With such an opening my invention

must be a success. But on looking at Susie I saw such an expression of anger and shame overwhelm her face that I wished I had never invented the "Clothes" freshness is to seak the tabloid in cold water, which makes it expand. Then dry the garment before a fire (and, owing to the nature of the chemicals used the drying proces takes but two minutes). There is your dress, your top-hat, your wading boots, or whatever your tabloid may contain, as fresh as when it first left the shop. The tabloids vary from the size of a homeopathic pill (handkerchiefs silk stockings and such like) cigarette-case_

You will believe that I was simply bombarded with questions by the onlookers. There was the Think of it. You may go for a voyage round the world, and all the luggage you need will go inside two ordinary Bryant and May's match-boxes; one to contain the tabloid clothes, the other a sufficient quantity of my "Clothes Compressor" to reduce a thousand garments to the tabloid form. No need of appears in the process of the enabled to take thousand of appears in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take thousand of dresses in the process of the enabled to take the enabled to take the process of the enabled to take the process of the enabled to take the enable the enabled to take the enable the enable the enable the enable to take the enable of expensive dress-baskets and portmanteaus; thousands of dresses in my pockets, there will be no payment for over-weight of luggage; no no duty to pay, no Customs examination, and no

about luggage, that just take the freshness off spoilt by Susie's behaviour, which, I must confess, one's pleasure in travelling. You cannot lose | was natural under the circumstances. She did not your luggage when you carry it in your speak to me till we reached our hotel at Paris. waistcost-pecket! You are also saved the Then she told me that we must part. "I canbother of packing and unpacking! Travelling not live with a man whom I despise," she said; should now be one delicious whirl of enjoyment, [" I understand now that you only married me or a calm of cloudless content, according to in order to get a startling advertisement for emperament.

As I contemplate the colossal benefit which I see why you insisted on our walking up and down am conferring on the human race; as I consider | the deck. You meant to get my tabloid trousthe heavy load of anxiety and worry I am seau wet. You carefully put the box containlifting from the shoulders of millions of my ing it into your left-hand pocket, while your heart leaps for joy!

But the crown of my happiness is the fact that my adored Susie and I will be the first to enjoy these unspeakable advantages on our honeymoon tour, which begins to morrow. What a glorious I will never live with a mercenary creature like

Well-she forgave me; but she is the one But how gladly have I paid this in order to woman in Europe who insists on keeping to the provide my adored Susie with such a unique now oldfashioned method of travelling with her surprise! And, then, what is £500 to one who clothes packed in ponderous dress-baskets; and she will not even allow me to use my own Well, I must not dwell too long on the | "Clothes Compressor,"-Westminster Gazette.

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EFFECT OF NEW FASHION. The Paris Daily Mail says:-

The prevailing fashion of wearing Directoire dresses that cling closely to the figure is bringing about important modifications in the ring I found myself trying to force the match- art of dancing. Owing to the new fashion, box containing Susie's trousseau on to her which closely imprisons the knees, ladies are unable to waltz with their former ease or take part in the graceful figures of the Boston.

The result has been a remarkable decrease in the number of women who dance this season. us with the luggage (I had told to take This serious condition of things aroused the attention of the "Academy of Paris Dancing Masters," a corporation which takes itself most seriously. "If," wrote one of the members, dancing falls off as a consequence of the existing fashion, what is to become of society?" A plenary assembly " of the academy was there-

fore held to discuss this grave question,

The dancing masters stood in a circle, each professor speaking to the beat of a metronome. When all had spoken, Professor Lefort, one of gravely adjusted his pince-nez and spoke as

The master having spoken at considerable When I explained to Susie my wondrous always been improvised to suit the prevailing "White linen morning dress," or "Blue serge that this year and hereafter dances now in

On this the members of the academy, conscious We had a cosy dinner in our sitting-room, and of having safeguarded the honour of French dancing, gravely separated.

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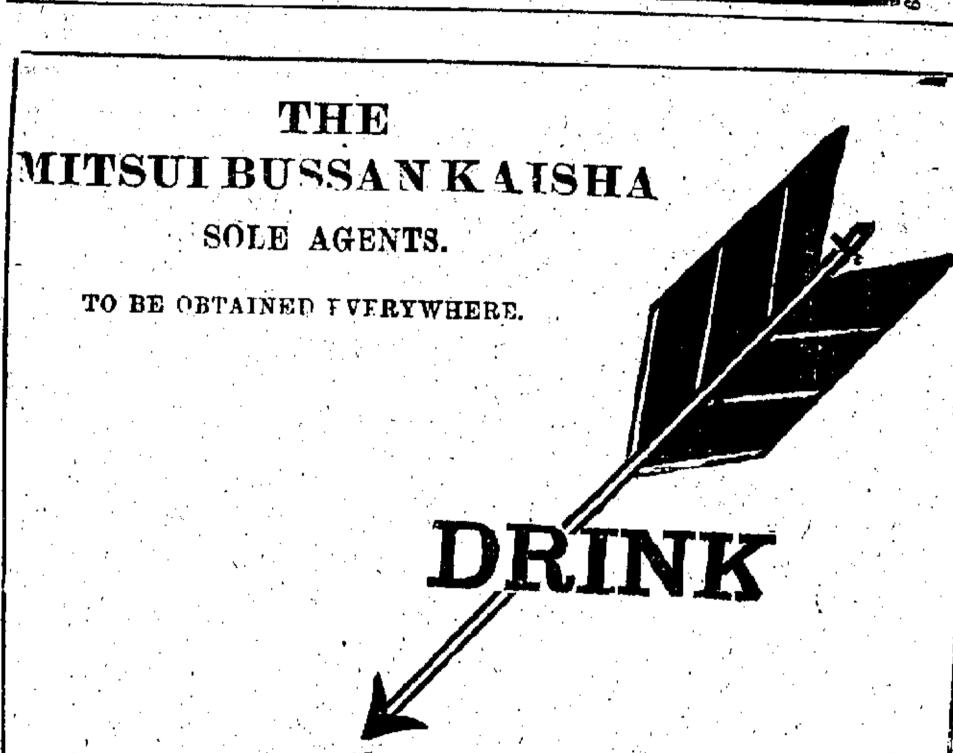
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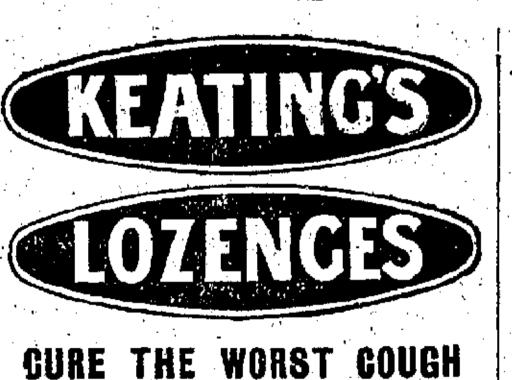
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MERLIN, British surveying ship, 1,600, F. H. Walter, 21st December—Labuan 10th and Manila 17th December. NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 3,434, R. Swain, 22nd Dec.—Yokohama 12th Dec., General

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CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR' MASTER'S OFFICE. 22nd December.

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BHANGHAI, MOJI, K	OBE NYANZA	About 2nd Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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:	& AMOY Capt. IJICHI	at 8 A.M.
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: '	Capt. S. ATSUM	at Daylight
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PORE. PENANG	.)BINGO MARU		WED'DAY, 20th Jan., 09
COLOMBO, and PORT SAII) 🕻 Capt. A. Christiansen, 🦠	6247	f at Daylight
ICTORIA. B.C. and	d / § SHINANO MARU		TUESDAY, 5th
SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI	[,] Capt. K. Kawara,	6388	Jan., 09 at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI	i,) § TANGO MARU 🔠		TUESDAY, 19th
and YOKOHAMA	Capt. Wm. Thompsen,	7463	Jan., 09 at Noon.
YDNEY and MELBOURNE	, (NIKKO MARU		THURSDAY, 24th Dec.,
via MANILA, THURSDAY	Capt. R. Swain,	5539	
ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE	KUMANO MARU		$\{ ext{FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09} \}$
and BRISBANE	. Capt. N. Mathieson,		st Noon,
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YOKOHAMA	Capt. N. Mathieson,	5076	the state of the s
	ISANUKI MARU		SATURDAY, 26th Dec.,
	Capt. K. Homma,	6112	at Daylight
COMBAY via SINGAPORI	I TAKASAKI MAKU		WED'DAY, 30th
and COLOMBO	. (Capt. A. Mocker,	43/0	December.
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Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and	Quarta	Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
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Macassar,	Borneo	Tuesday. 29th, 1 .00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Manila, Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday	Hailan	Tuesday, 29th, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.
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Yokohama on the 14th inst., and will be due	to
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2nd inst., has left Colombo on the 20th in	et. Sto

a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst. THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

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The E. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney on 19th inst, for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and this port. The N.Y.K. str. Shinano Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 18th inst., and is expected

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STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL. Nov. 29th Suruga, Peleus, Sanuki Maru, December 2nd-Soudan, Sumatra, Tonkin. 5th-Monmouthshire, Ellen Rickmers, Nyanza, Silesia (Aus.) 9th-Benlarig, Glonlochy, Indrani, P. E. Friedrich. 12th-Dencalion. Suevia, Sydney, Kamakura Maru. 16th-Perseus, Andalusia. Montgomeryshire, Awa Maru. 19th-Ganges, Idomeneus, Pekin, Glenstrae,

ARRIVALS AT HOME. December 18th—Liberia, Kleist.

> PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Haimun, from Swatew, Messrs McEwan and Wandres.

Per Rubi, from Manila, Captain E. H. Harcuett, Messrs R. Corbett and J. A. Xavier. Per Tonkin, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, Messrs de Champmain, Letcornez, Dufaur, Bisttean and Berthoud; from Singapore, Mrs Fischer, Messrs E. C. Wakefield, J. Homann, and J. R. H. Watt; from Saigon, Mrs P. H. Mursy, Mrs Saran Schwartz, Mrs Blanche, Mesers J. Glaentzer and boy, Richard and boy, Ribes, Menis and Savas.

Per Nikko Maru, from Japan, for Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Oishi, child and nurse, Dr. J Tijima, Capt. B. Lundbonn, Messrs Y. Kubo, P. J. Backland and R. Ohashi; for Manile, Mrs R. F. Freck and Mrs F. Otsuka; for Sydney, Mr and Mrs Boden Powell, child and nurse, Mesers A. A. Lysaght, A. M. McArthey and David Rice; for Melbourne, Mr S. R. Clarke.

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JOINT STOOK SHARES. Hongkong, December 22nd. Mr. P. B. Adams Mr. & Mrs. Aldridge

COMPANY,	Pard up.	QUOTATIONS.
Uhambra	Ps 200	Nominal.
Banks— Hongkong & S'hai.,	\$125	\$845, sales London £82.
National B. of China	26	\$51, boyers
Bell's Asbestos E.A	1	\$8, buyors
China-Borneo Co	\$12	\$11, seliera
China Light & P. Co	\$10	\$5‡, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$9.75, buyers
Cotton Mills— Ewo		
Ewo	. Tis. 50	Tls. 75.
Hongkong	\$10	\$10, sellers Tla. 60, buyers
Laou Kung Mow	71a 100	Tls. 68, buyers
Soyches	Tis. 500	Tls. 270, buyers
Dairy Farm		
Docks and Wharves-		ean1
H.&K. Wharf & G		\$43, sales \$91, sellers
H. & W. Dock New Amoy Dock	\$50 \$61	\$91, buyers
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 100	
Shai & H. Wharf.	Tis. 100	Tla. 135.
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cemen	t. \$ 10	\$9 90, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas.	210	\$190, buyers
Hongkong Electric.		
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	
Hongkong Jee Co	\$25	
H.K. Milling Co., L	d.	
l in liquidation	\$100	Nominal.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$10	\$24, sellers
Insurances—		
Canton		
China Fire		
China Traders Hongkong Fire		71 · —- •
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Yangteze	\$8	
Land and Building		1 1 (9.7)
HongkongLandIn	17. \$10	\$92, sellers
Humphrey's Ests	ite \$10	0 \$9}, suiters
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Shanghai Land	Tis. 6	
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WestPointBuilding \$50 | \$45, Bellers Charbonnages Fcs. 250 \$5:5, buyers Raubs 18/10 | \$9, sellereak Tramways **31** | **\$2**. hilippine Co. \$10 | \$8, sellers efineries---China Sugar \$1121, sellers \$100 \$20, sellers Luzon Sugar \$69, sellers obins n Piano Co... teamship Companie \$14, sellers China and Manila .. \$83, buyers Douglas Steamship -H., Canton & M..... \$291, sellers \$37, sellers Indo-China S.N. Co. \$17, sellers Shell Transport Co. Star Ferry..... \$15, buyers Do., New outh China M. Post \$24. team Laundry Co. \$5, sellers Stores & Dispensaries Campbell, M. & Co. \$10 | \$9, buyers Powell & Co., Wm., \$4, sellera

Watking.... \$10 Watson & Co., A. S. \$94, buyers Weissmann, Ld. ... \$12¥. \$4 United Asbestos Do. Founders Union Waterboat Co. \$10 \$10, buyers

> HONGKONG TIDE TABLE. From December 23rd to 29th, 1908.

VERNON & SMYTH

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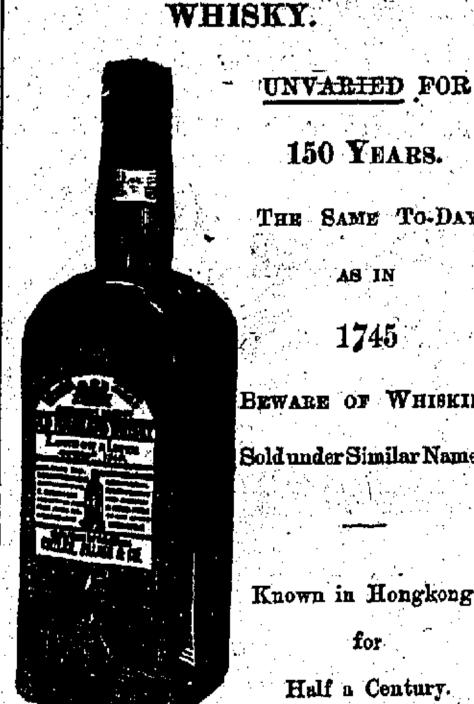
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Hongkong Observatory, December 22nd

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DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.—Saigon 12th December, General— Chinese. DEVAWONGSE, German str., 1,057, Bruhn, 21st Dec.-Bangkok 10th and Holhow 19th Dec., Rice and Teak-Butterfield & Swire.

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Dec. Groundnuts—Chinese. SUNDA, British str., 2,986, G. M. Montaford, 21st Dec.-London 7th Nov., General P. & O. S. N. Co. SUNGKIANG, British str., 896, Pennefather, 21st Dec.-Hoilo 16th December, Hemp

and Sugar-Butterfield & Swire. TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, 17th Dec.-Melbourne via Sdyney and Queensland ports 13th Nov., General-Butterfield TAKABAKI MABU, Jap. str., 3,000, A. Mocker,

28th Nov.—Bombay and Singapore 19th Nov., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,340, J. Williamson. 11th Dec.—Saigon 4th Dec., General-

POKI MARU, Jap, str., 3,433, T. Matsushima, 19th Dec.-Moji 13th December, Coal-Arnhold Karberg & Co., larumph, German str., 769, J. C. Hansen, 20th Dec.-Haiphong and Hollow 18th

Dec., Rice and General—Jebsen & Co. TUNGSHING, British str., 1,172, W. Stalker, 14th Dec.-Wuhu 9th December, Rice-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

WAKASA MARU, Jap. str., 9,884, M. Nielsen, 21st Dec.-Yokohama via porte 9th Dec., General-Nippon Yusan Kaisha. YINGCHOW, British str., 1,216, W. Frazer, 17th Dec.-Ching Wang Tao 11th Dec.

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